terms by 1.5% in 1991-92, increased as a result of the introduction of tariff and other reforms, by 3.8% during 1992-93 and registered a substantial growth of 20.6% during April—February 1993-94' the latest period for which such data are available, over the corresponding period of 1992-93.

(b) The policies and procedures are reviewed from time to time and measures are introduced to achieve export growth at the targeted level,

(c) The exports of agricultural and allied products including cotton and marine products have registered a growth of 40.4% in dollar terms during April— February 1993-94 the latest period for which such data are available as compared to the corresponding period of 1992-93.

Committee on Bonded Labour

*492. SHRIMATI VEENA.VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee was appointed in August last year to redefine bonded labour in view of the wide variations in the definition of bonded labour adopted in different States and the consequent variations in the figures of such labour given by different States and other agencies;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since submitted its report; and

(c) the main observations and recommendations of the Committee and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) A Committee was appointed in April 1993 to draw up a. workable definition of 'Bonded Labour'.

(b) The Committee has not yet submitted its final report.

(c) In view of (b), does not arise.

Power Sector Projects down on priority MM

493. SHRI VIREN J.SHAH SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3717 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th April 1994 and state:

"(a) the details of the projects in power, coal, railways and heavy industries which are suffering from a steep cost and time overrun;

(b) whether Government have identified any public sector projects which are far down on the priority list due to fund constraints;

(c) if so, what are the details of such public sector projects;

(d) whether Government propose to offer these public sector projects to private sector; and

(e) if so, what is the status of these public sector projects and what are the details about the functioning of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The' number of Central projects costing Rs. 20 crores and above, monitored by the Department of Programme Implemen-

tation in Power, Coal, Railways and Heavy Industries sectors, which are suffering from time and cost overrun is given as follows :

NUMBER OF PROJECTS WITH COST/TIME OVERRUN WITH RESPECT TO LATEST APPROVED SCHEDULE (AS ON 1-1-94

Sl. No	Sector	Total No. of Projects	Projects with Cost overrun	Projects with time overrun
1.	Coal	69	20	22
2.	Power	42	24	29
3.	Railways	94	46	60
4.	Heavy Industry	8	6	7

(b) and (c) Some of the projects in Coal, Power, Railways and Haevy Industry sectors have not been able to make progress due to funds constraints and other factors. The Group of Ministers set up by the Prime Minister recently has suggested to give low priority, for the time being, to projects whose expenditure is 5 percent of the cost and 60 percent of the gestation period is over so that other projects are fully funded and completed in time. Based on the above criteria, concerned project authorities would identify such projects keeping in view their forward/backward linkage and strategic importance.

(d) Two projects in the coal sector viz. the Barsingar Lignite Mine and associated Power Project are being offered to Private Sector. Two projects in Heavy Industry namely; Yerraguntala Cement Project and one Bagasse Based Newsprint Paper Project (Muradabad, U.P.) are also under consideration for (transfer) offer to the Private Sector.

(e) The status of these projects as on December 1993, are as follows :

(i) *Barsingar Lignite Mine*—Tenders have been invited for taking up the project in private sector.

(ii) *Barsingar Thermal Power Pro-ject*—Tenders have been invited for taking up the project in private sector. 4—26RSS/95

(iii) *Yerraguntala Cemem Profect*— The proposal was under consideration in the Ministry of Law for offering the project to private sector on 'as-is-where-is' basis.

(iv) *Bagasse-based Newsprint paper project*—Evaluated Bids are under consideration of the Govt.

मध्य प्रदेश में साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स में दुर्घटनाएं

*494. **श्री गोविन्द राम सिरी** : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के बिलासपुर संभाग साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड द्वारा संचालित खानों में जनवरी, 1993 से दिसम्बर, 1993 तथा जनवरी, 1994 से मार्च, 1994 तक कुछ दुर्घटनाएं हुई हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस तरह की दुर्घटनाएं हुई हैं तथा किन-किन स्थानों पर हुई हैं और कितनी दुर्घटनाएं हुई हैं तथा कितने व्यक्ति उन दुर्घटनाओं के शिकार हुए हैं; और

(ग) क्या दुर्घटना के शिकार व्यक्तियों के परिवारों को मुआवजा दिया गया है तथा अनुकम्पा के आधार पर भी नियुक्तियां की गई हैं और यदि हां, तो मुआवजे की राशि कितनी है तथा अनुकम्पा के आधार पर कितनी नियुक्तियां की गई हैं ?